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Origins of the Dutch Monarchy



Prince Willem Alexander and Queen Maxima at their succession

ORANJESTAD -- The eagerly-anticipated arrival of HRM King Willem-Alexander, the first Dutch king since 1890, has elicited a frenzy of preparation on Aruba. Two days of royal events, from the official greeting in Oranjestad this morning and a spec-

tacular evening show at Bushiribana ruins this evening, to a demonstration of island spirit tomorrow morning by all elementary school children, are open to the public and will be filled with all the pageantry Arubans can muster.

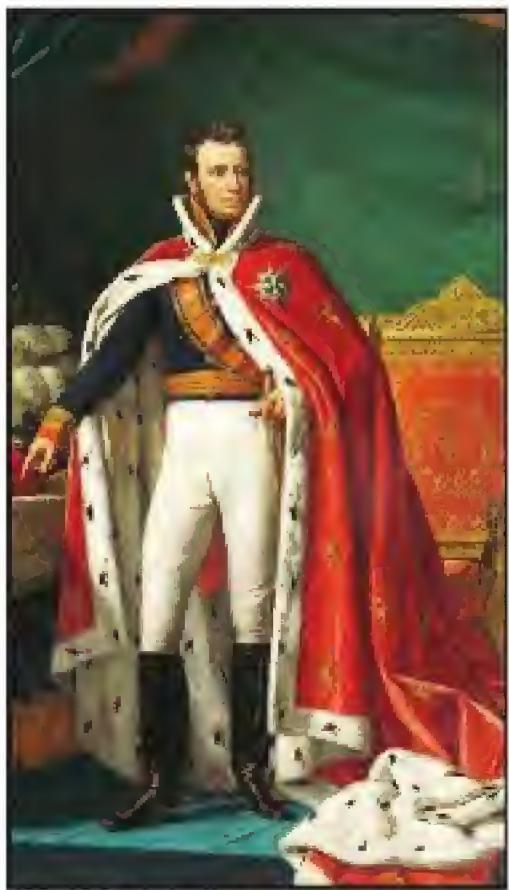
The island is the last leg of a six-island tour of the Dutch Caribbean territories by HRM King Willem-Alexander and his wife, Queen Maxima; this is also the first time since 1890 that both a king and queen have sat on the throne.

Like England, the royal family is a tradition the populace of the nation cherishes and reveres. A formal Dutch Monarchy has only existed since March of 1815, but it was "governed" by a hereditary head of state from the House of Orange-Nassau since 1559.

It was in that year King Philip II of Spain appointed William of Orange as "stadtholder" of the "low countries" of the Netherlands. Literally translated as "place holder," it was a term for a "steward" or "lieutenant". In the Low Countries.. It is comparable with the French title Lieutenant and England's 16th century Lord Lieutenant. the position was tasked with maintaining peace and provincial order in the early Dutch Republic.

William I, Prince of Orange was known as William the Silent or simply William of Orange. After his appointment he went on to become the leader of the Dutch revolt against Spain, sparking the Eighty Years' War and formal independence of the United Provinces in 1648.

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William I King of the Netherlands



Wilhelmina of the Netherlands in her coronation robes



William of Orange, who rebelled against Spain

Venezuela gives Maduro power to rule by decree for year



CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela's National Assembly on Tuesday gave President Nicolas Maduro wide-ranging special powers to rule by decree for one year.

The socialist president of the OPEC member state says he needs the greater personal power as his government struggles with soaring inflation and shortages of basic goods.

Maduro requested the special powers last month, citing the need to fight corruption and take on opponents who are waging "economic warfare" against his government.

Maduro, 50, has said he will use the expanded powers to impose caps on private sector profits and crack down on speculators.

The vote is the latest move by the elected Venezuelan leader, a protege of late pres-

ident Hugo Chavez, to strengthen his hand as he faces an important political test in municipal elections next month.

Over the weekend, Maduro used his existing authority to make retail appliance stores slash prices, sending troops to keep order among the unruly crowds that quickly formed.

The deep discounts of as much as 60 percent -- which Maduro has said would be extended to toys, cars and clothing -- come as workers cash their year end pay bonuses, allowing them to make purchases that otherwise might have been out of reach.

Venezuela has been battered by a 54 percent rate of inflation, a shortage of hard currency, and widespread shortages.

Critics however blame Venezuela's economic woes on the government-imposed fixed exchange rate and price controls, saying they have led to a lack of basic goods such as toilet paper, rice and meat.

Opposition leader Henrique Capriles, who refused to concede defeat to Maduro in April's presidential election, has called the parliamentary move a "fraud against Venezuelans."

Capriles called Maduro "a failed Cuban-style puppet, who aims to impose upon us an economic model that does not work."

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Welcome the Royal Couple on Aruba

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He was born in the House of Nassau as Count of Nassau-Dillenburg. He became Prince of Orange in 1544 and the founder of the branch House of Orange-Nassau and the ancestor of the monarchy of the Netherlands.

A wealthy nobleman, William originally served the Habsburgs as a member of the court of Margaret of Parma, governor of the Spanish Netherlands. He was unhappy with the centralization of political power away from the local estates and the Spanish persecution of Dutch Protestants. He joined the

Dutch uprising against his former masters. The most influential and politically capable of the rebels, William I led the Dutch to several successes in the fight against the Spanish. He was finally declared an outlaw by the Spanish king in 1580, and assassinated in Delft four years later.

His descendants inherited the position of Stadholder of the Dutch Republic. Stadholder William III, married to Mary Stuart, daughter of Jacob II, King of England, was crowned king of England in 1689 and resided alter-

nately in England and the Netherlands. His death in 1702, without heirs, meant the end of his family holding the office of stadholder for a time.

Willem Karel Hendrik Friso, later to be known as William IV, was born in Leeuwarden, Netherlands, the son of John William Friso, Prince of Orange, head of the Frisian branch of the House of Orange-Nassau. He was restored to the position in 1747, but died only four years later. He was the grandfather of Holland's first king.

Eventually, William V, assumed the position and that of Captain-General of the Dutch States Army in 1766. He led the Government of the Dutch Republic in London from 1795 to 1806. It was the son of William V, Prince Willem Frederik, who finally was crowned, and titled William I, King of the Netherlands. This came about following the wars with Napoleon and the French conqueror's defeat. Willem Frederik had fought on the side of Austria and the "Low Countries." The Netherlands

had been annexed to the French Empire by Napoleon in 1810, but after Napoleon's defeat at Leipzig in 1813, the French troops withdrew.

While his father was Stadholder, and retained the title of Prince, Willem Frederik was known as the "Hereditary Prince." When William V died in 1806, William I inherited the title and his father's claims on the inheritance of the Nassau lands.

In 1813, cities all over Europe were evacuated by the French occupation troops.

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In the power vacuum created, a number of former Orangist politicians and Patriots formed a provisional government in November of 1813. Although several of the members of the provisional government had helped drive out William V eighteen years earlier, it was taken for granted that his son would have to head any new regime. They also agreed it would be better in the long term for the Dutch to restore him themselves, rather than have the Great Powers impose him on the country. The Dutch population was pleased with the departure of the French, who had ruined the Dutch economy, and this time welcomed the prince.

The constitution offered William extensive, nearly absolute powers. Ministers were only responsible to him, while a unicameral parliament exercised only limited power. He was inaugurated as sovereign prince in Amsterdam. In August 1814, he was appointed Governor-General of the former Austrian Netherlands by the Allied Powers who occupied that country. He was also made Grand Duke of Luxembourg, having received that territory in return for trading his hereditary German lands to Prussia and the Duke of Nassau. William I fulfilled his family's dream originating 300 years prior with his namesake, of uniting the Low Countries. Feeling threatened by Napoleon, who had escaped from Elba, William proclaimed the Netherlands a kingdom on March 16, 1815, at the urging of the powers

gathered at the Congress of Vienna. Holland is now preparing for their bicentennial celebration as the independent Kingdom of the Netherlands in 2015.

Willem Frederik became William IV and was proclaimed himself King of the Netherlands and Duke of Luxembourg. In June of 1826 he also became the Grand Duke of Luxembourg. From 1839 he was also the Duke of Limburg. After his abdication in 1840, in favor of his son, William II, he styled himself "King William Frederick, Count of Nassau."

William III was the last King of the Netherlands for three generations. Wilhelmina, the only child of William III and his second wife, ascended the throne in 1890. Though he had three sons by his first wife, he outlived two of them, and only the childless Alexander remained when Wilhelmina was born. She was third in line for the throne, preceded by Alexander and her great uncle. Both died and she became Heir Presumptive when she was four-years-old. Her mother, Emma, was named Regent until Wilhelmina took her place as Queen on September 5, 1898. Wilhelmina's daughter Juliana and granddaughter Beatrix were the reigning monarchs until Beatrix's abdication to her oldest son, HRM King Willem-Alexander. As with England, the spouses of the queens of the realm take the title of "Prince Consort."

HRM Willem-Alexander was inaugurated on April 30 of this year. Holland does not

"crown" their king, but a simple procedure is conducted in the presence of ministers and leaders of the Dutch Territories, which included Aruba's Prime Minister, Mike Eman.

The absolute rule of the monarchy has obviously changed with the times. As a Constitutional Monarchy, the role and position of the monarch are defined and limited by the constitution of the Netherlands.

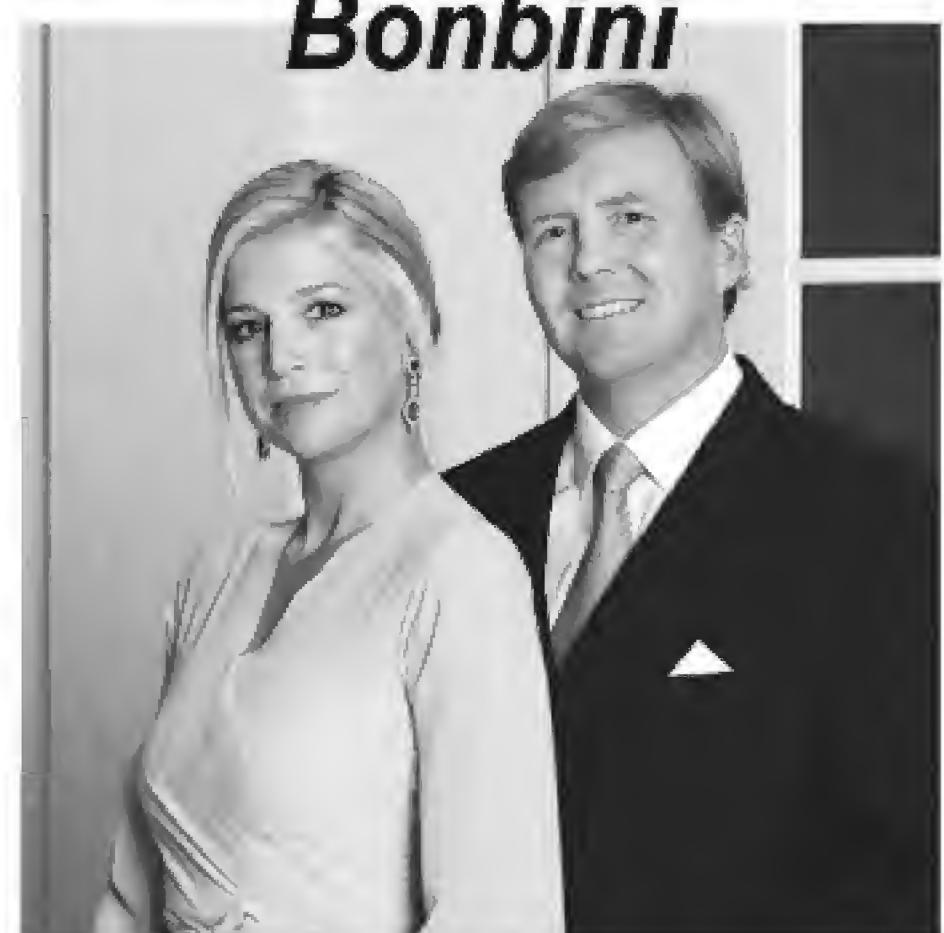
A rather large portion of the Dutch constitution is devoted to this. Roughly a third describes the succession, mechanisms of accession and abdication to the throne and the roles and responsibilities of the monarch, as well as the formalities of communication between the States-General of the Netherlands and the monarch in the creation of laws.

The first paragraph of Article 42 of the constitution determines that the government of the Netherlands consists of the monarch and his ministers. The monarch is, according to this article, not the head of government. The ministers are not answerable to the monarch within the government. There is no distinction, no dichotomy, no segregation or separation: the monarch and his ministers are the government and the government is one.

This has practical consequences, in that it is not possible for the monarch and the ministers to be in disagreement. The government speaks with one voice and makes decisions as a united body.

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Survey of local labor market to take place November 20 to 30

ORANJESTAD — The Minister of Labor, Social Affairs and Youth in cooperation with the Directorate of Labor and Research (DAO) announced that this year a survey of the Aruba Labor Force will be conducted through the end of November. This is the third time DAO will perform such a survey.

This year, it will be held at 800 randomly selected addresses around Aruba from November 20, until November 30, with an outflow week from December 1 to December 6.

The aim of the Labor

Force Survey is to update and obtain the most complete possible picture of the local labor market. The AKO collects information on workers, the unemployed and economically inactive employees. On the basis of the information gathered, they will get a deeper analysis of the labor market. This will serve to upgrade and refine the market. An important, if not the main objective of the survey, is to accurately measure and analyze the unemployment rate. The data and trends observed in this survey will provide a great deal of vital information

to policy makers, administrators, researchers and entrepreneurs.

The 800 addresses were randomly selected by computer based on the geographical areas of Aruba. Each address embodies the same probability in the selection procedure.

The survey is carried out by 20 interviewers who, during the ten-day period of the survey, will visit the selected addresses from 8:00 am until 8:00 pm. Certified interviewers will wear a red T-shirt and identify themselves by means of a badge. All individuals at the random locations of 15 years and older will be interviewed. It takes about 10 minutes to complete the survey.

If the interviewer does not find anyone at home, he / she will leave a re - visit card with a requested date and time. If the date and time does not suit, DAO kindly asks anyone who missed being surveyed to contact its offices or the mobile number on the card, to schedule another appointment.

DAO asks the public to understand that the information gathered serves an important purpose in understanding the current labor market. The anonymous data will never be released to third parties. The results will also be treated anonymously to be published only as statistics in the first quarter of next year.

For more information, readers may contact DAO management at tel.: 5837720. Ask for one of the employees of Labor Market Research Bureau.

The DAO kindly requests everyone's cooperation in this research and thanks all those surveyed in advance, for their contribution to important report.

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When the monarch acts in an executive capacity, he does so as representative of the united government. And when the government decides, the monarch is in agreement (even if the monarch personally disagrees). As an ultimate consequence of this, it is not possible for the monarch to refuse to sign into law a proposal of law that has been agreed to and signed by the responsible minister. Such a disagreement between the monarch and his minister is a situation not covered by the constitution and is automatically a constitutional crisis. These are quite rare in the Netherlands and have, on occurrence, always led to collapse of the government (resignation of the ministers), parliamentary elections and eventually, possible abdication of the monarch.

The second paragraph of article 42, basically renders the monarch powerless. It states that "the monarch is inviolate. He is beyond any reproach, beyond the grasp of any prosecution (criminal or otherwise) for any acts committed or actions taken as monarch. If anything goes wrong, the minister responsible for the topic at hand is responsible for the failings of the monarch." This sounds like it makes the monarch an absolute tyrant, but it is the opposite. Since the ministers are responsible, they also have the authority to make the decisions. The ministers set the course of the government and the country, make executive decisions and run the affairs of state. Since the government is one, the monarch abides by the decision of the ministers.

By Rosalie Klein



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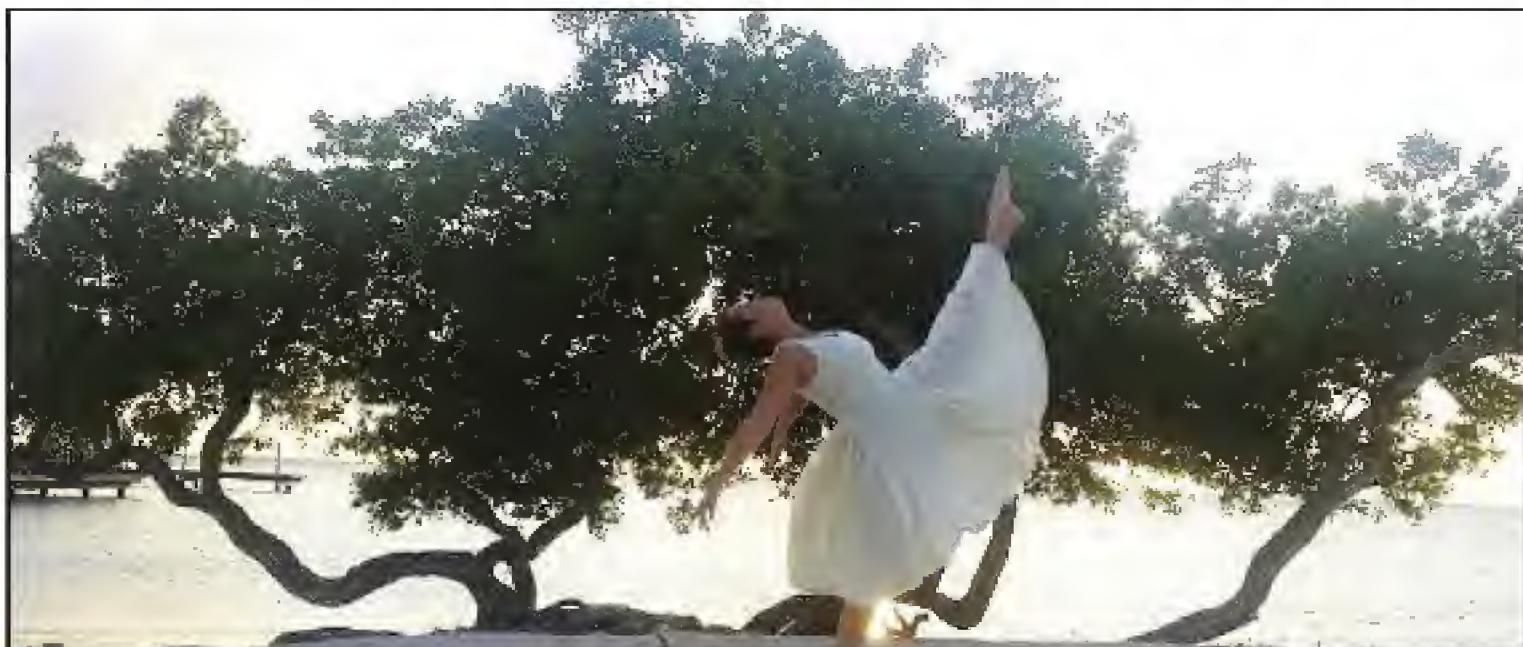
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Liesje Proveyer wins opportunity to talk to King Willem-Alexander



ORANJESTAD -- One of the activities organized in connection with the Royal visit is an expo-debate. During this debate a group of young people ages 14 to 24 has to discuss the topic: how do you see Aruba in the next 20 years, which is based on a photo taken with their Smartphone. The Expo-Show is dubbed... "Show the King."

After much deliberation, the members of the commission were able to come to a consensus as to who will win the best photo for the "Show the King" event. This young person was invited to the de-

bate at the Sta Teresita Center today.

Liesje Proveyer is a 14 year-old student in VWO3 at Colegio Arubano who won the best photo!

Liesje give a detailed explanation regarding her photo indicating how nothing is impossible to achieve as long as you make your utmost effort. Here on Aruba we can also achieve the impossible if we make an effort.

Later young people of Aruba will have an opportunity to show the King their vision for our country within 20 years. They will do this in

the form of a debate and a photo exhibition. Liesje as the winner of the photo, will stand at the end of the line of the exposition, next to her photo, so she can meet the King. She will explain to the King her vision for Aruba. After this brief encounter they will begin the debate of two teams of youth from our Youth Parliament and the University of Aruba.

This promises to be an interesting activity where our young people will demonstrate their ability to debate and present valuable ideas with respect to their country.

Brazilian travel agents visiting Aruba on a Famtrip



Recently the Aruba Tourism Authority hosted a group of travel agents from Brazil on a very successful famtrip, the agents represent several of the most prestigious travel agencies and tour operators from different states of Brazil.

Most of Aruba's luxurious hotels were visited for site inspections and different activities were organized for the agents during their stay on Aruba, and the agents were very much satisfied with the whole Aruban experience. The agents were accompanied by Mr. Ernest Giel who

prepared a very fun and exciting program for the agents.

Words of gratitude goes to all the companies involved with this famtrip, and we can be sure that Aruba will re-

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Obama asks key senators for time on Iran sanctions

WASHINGTON (AFP) - US President Barack Obama asked key senators Tuesday for a delay in imposing new sanctions on Iran, but faced skepticism over the terms of a proposed interim nuclear deal with the Islamic Republic.

Obama met the lawmakers at the White House on the eve of the next round of nuclear talks between the P5+1 powers and Iran in Geneva, and as some senators mull adding to sanctions which have already crippled Iran's economy.

Obama told the top Democrats and Republicans from the Senate Armed Services, Intelligence, Foreign Relations and Banking committees that "new sanctions should not be enacted during the current negotiations," said

White House spokesman Jay Carney.

But he said such measures "would be most effective as a robust response, should Iran not accept the P5+1 proposal, or should Iran fail to follow through on its commitments."

The president himself said he was unsure if a interim deal was imminent in Geneva, and defended the idea of offering Iran some modest relief from sanctions in return for curbs on its nuclear program while a comprehensive agreement is worked out.

"I don't know if we will be able to close a deal this week or next week," Obama said at a Wall Street Journal CEO forum.

Earlier, Senator Bob Corker, the top Republican on the Senate Foreign Rela-

tions committee, emerged from two hours of White House talks and said there were still concerns over Obama's tactics.

"We had some folks in the room that were satisfied, I think we had some folks in the room that were very unsatisfied," Corker told reporters.

Corker also signaled that Obama will get some breathing room -- because Senate procedures meant there would be no votes on toughening sanctions on Iran in the Senate until after the US Thanksgiving holiday at the end of next week.

Another group of senators wrote to Secretary of State John Kerry, who was also in the White House meeting, warning that Iran was not being asked to do enough to justify easing economic pressure.

do not block the content."

The US company did not immediately respond to a request for comment.

Conatel's request seeks to block the 50 web sites closed November 9 by the government from taking to Twitter to circumvent the official ruling.

The sites, although illegal, had existed for several years and published the unofficial exchange rate -- and if they were shut down, they would quickly reappear under different names.

The only official way to obtain dollars in Venezuela is through the so-called currency management agency (Cadivi), which sells them at 6.3 bolivars to the dollar, or through auctions organized by the central bank, in which dollars can go for 10 to 12 bolivars for a dollar.

Venezuela asks Twitter to block accounts posting dollar rate



CARACAS (AFP) - Venezuela on Tuesday asked Twitter to block the accounts of users who are posting the unofficial dollar exchange rate -- illegal in a country that has had strict currency controls since 2003.

The state telecom regulator Conatel sent an "urgent" letter to Twitter headquarters in San Francisco, California, asking them to "block the accounts and users of its web site which illegally listed currency in Venezuela," the agency explained on its web

site.

According to Venezuelan law, it is illegal to publish the black market exchange rate, which is eight times higher than the official rate of 6.3 bolivars per dollar. The government argues doing so encourages speculation and accelerates inflation.

The agency wrote that publishing the black market rate for dollars on Twitter is "highly burdensome for the Venezuelan economy and potentially harmful for the Internet service providers that

Caroline Kennedy meets Japan emperor in ceremonial pomp



Photos show as U.S. Ambassador to Japan Caroline Kennedy smiles as she steps out from a horse-drawn imperial carriage upon her arrival at the Imperial Palace in Tokyo on Tuesday and shaking hands with Emperor Akihito after presenting her credentials to him at the Imperial Palace. Thousands of well-wishers lined the streets of Tokyo to catch a glimpse of the incoming US ambassador. "I'm very excited to have seen her because I was a big fan of her mother Jacqueline-san," said

Shizuko Harada, 68, who was among the thousands of onlookers. Kennedy, 55, the lone surviving child of the assassinated John F. Kennedy, briefly met the revered emperor to hand him a letter from US President Barack Obama confirming her status, a common diplomatic gesture by top envoys.

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Russia frees nine more Greenpeace activists on bail

SAINT PETERSBURG (AFP) - Russian courts on Tuesday granted bail to nine foreign Greenpeace activists detained for a protest in the Arctic, bringing to 12 the number released over the last days and raising hopes of a solution to a case which has raised global concern.

Russia had held 30 crewmembers of Greenpeace's Arctic Sunrise ship for over two months after activists in September scaled an oil rig in the Barents Sea owned by energy giant Gazprom to protest its oil drilling in the sensitive area.

Those released by courts in Saint Petersburg -- in a move that surprised some -- are unlikely to immediately be able to go home. They still face trial on charges that risk several years in jail.

Ana Paula Maciel of Brazil, New Zealander David John Haussmann and Argentina's Miguel Hernan Perez Orsi were freed pending payment of a two-million-ruble (\$61,400) bail each, Greenpeace said.

Also granted bail Tuesday were Paul Ruzycki from Canada, Tomasz Dziemianczuk from Poland, Italy's Cristian D'Alessandro and Camila Spezziale, who holds dual Italian-Argentine citizenship.

Later in the day Francesco Pisani of France and Finland's Sini Saarela were also granted bail for the same sum. Saarela was one of the two climbers who managed to attach themselves to the Gazprom platform.

None of those granted bail has been freed yet, with the process requiring the transfer of the bail funds by Greenpeace followed by confirmation that the money has been received.

On Monday, two courts in the former imperial capital said bail would be granted to three Russian activists but ordered Australian activist Colin Russell to remain in pre-trial detention until February 24.

Deadly suicide blasts rock Iran embassy in Beirut

BEIRUT (AFP) - A double suicide bombing outside the Iranian embassy in Beirut killed at least 23 people on Tuesday, in an attack claimed by an Al-Qaeda-linked jihadist group.

The army said a motorcyclist blew himself up moments before a suicide bomber driving a four-wheel-drive detonated his payload in the



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southern Beirut stronghold of Hezbollah, an ally of both Iran and the regime of Syrian President Bashar al-Assad.

The mid-morning attack, which the health ministry said also wounded 146 people, was the first time the Iranian mission has been targeted.

The blasts ripped the facades off surrounding buildings, strewing rubble and glass

on streets that were stained with blood.

Residents walked dazed past charred cars and trees, as soldiers and Hezbollah security men tried to secure the area.

The attack follows two other bombings this year in Hezbollah bastions in Beirut, amid rising tensions over the conflict in neighbouring Syria.

Iran is one of Syria's closest

allies, and is the key sponsor of Hezbollah, a powerful Shiite movement that has dispatched thousands of fighters to bolster the regime in the 32-month uprising.

The blasts were claimed by the Abdullah Azzam Brigades, a jihadist group linked to Al-Qaeda that has previously fired rockets at Israel from Lebanese territory.

Iranian foreign ministry spokeswoman Marzieh Afkham accused Israel and its "mercenaries" of responsibility.

Israel immediately denied involvement.

Britain and France issued swift statements of condemnation, and UN chief Ban Ki-moon urged restraint.

Rape likely underreported in US crime survey: panel



vey from the Centers for Disease Control.

In its report Tuesday, the National Research Council panel said a lack of privacy when conducting oral interviews in households might be a reason for the lower figures in the NCVS.

Since most rapes and sexual assaults are carried out by individuals known by the victim, survey respondents might shy away from disclosing their assault within earshot of family members, the panel said.

It suggested creating a separate survey that would deal with sexual violence in "a neutral context" such as health and well-being, rather than in the narrow context of crime.

Questions could be worded to focus on specific actions -- being forced to have sex while intoxicated, for instance -- which could make it easier for respondents to better express their experiences, it said.

Candace Kruttschnitt, a University of Toronto sociology professor who co-chaired the panel, said quality data was essential for providing support to victims and helping to curtail future attacks.

WASHINGTON (AFP) - The incidence of sexual violence is likely sharply underreported in a closely-watched barometer of US crime because of the way it's designed, an expert panel said Tuesday.

The National Crime Victimization Survey (NCVS), conducted by the US Census Bureau for the Bureau of Justice Statistics, put the number of rapes and sexual assaults at 346,830 in 2012, up from 244,190 the previous year.

But other surveys suggest the number is far higher, as high as 1.3 million in a year, according to one 2010 estimate by the National Intimate Partner and Sexual Violence Sur-

Czechs award first licence to import medical marijuana

PRAGUE (AFP) - The Czech health ministry said Tuesday it had awarded its first licence to import marijuana, months after the European Union member legalised the drug for medical purposes.

Czech firm Elkoplast Slusovice will import three kilogrammes (seven pounds) of marijuana from the Netherlands next month, said Deputy

Health Minister Martin Plisek, adding that the license was allocated on Monday.

Marijuana has been legal since April in the Czech Republic as a prescription-only drug to alleviate the pain of patients suffering from cancer, Parkinson's disease, multiple sclerosis and other serious illnesses.

Officials prefer to first import

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Amsterdam pays alcoholics in beer to clean streets

AMSTERDAM (AFP) - At nine o'clock in the morning in a garden shed behind a house

in Amsterdam, a handful of alcoholics are getting ready to clean the surrounding streets, beer and cigarette in hand.

For a day's work, the men receive 10 euros (around \$13), a half-packet of rolling tobacco and, most importantly, five cans of beer: two to start the day, two at lunch and one for after work.

"This group of chronic alcoholics was causing a nuisance in Amsterdam's Oosterpark: fights, noise, disagreeable comments to women," said Gerrie Holterman, who heads the Rainbow Foundation project, financed by the Dutch state and donations. "The aim is to keep them occupied, to get them doing something so they no longer cause trouble at the park," she told AFP.

The alcoholics are split into two groups of around 10 people, with each group working three days a week.

The imaginative approach to the problem of anti-social behaviour demonstrates typical Dutch pragmatism which could be found shocking in other countries, but not here.

The day begins at around 9.00 am, with the workers drinking two beers and some coffee, if desired, before going to clean the streets.

Sat at a large table, Gerrie carefully notes each person's beer consumption, but there is

an atmosphere of trust: if she gets called away, the alcoholics themselves record how much they have drunk.

"I think I can speak for the group and say that if they didn't give us beers then we wouldn't come," said Frank, wearing a fluorescent street cleaner's bib and carrying a bin bag and litter-grabber.

"We need alcohol to function, that's the disadvantage of chronic alcoholism," said the 45-year-old, somewhat fatalistically.

Frank says he has been jailed for violence, has never worked for anyone and has no fixed abode.

For lunch, the team returns to the shed where they get two beers and a warm meal, before heading off again for the afternoon shift.

The working day ends with a final beer at around 3:30 pm.

"You have to see things like this: everyone benefits," said Gerrie. "They're no longer in the park, they drink less, they eat better and they have something to keep them busy during the day."

"Heroin addicts can go to shooting galleries, so why shouldn't we also give people beer?" she said.

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'Thor' stays Marvel-ous atop N.America box office

LOS ANGELES (AFP) - Marvel superhero Thor hammered rivals for a second straight weekend at the North American box office, industry figures showed Monday.

"Thor: The Dark World," the latest blockbuster based on Marvel's iconic comic book character, took in a hefty \$36.6 million in its second weekend, figures from Exhibitor Relations showed.

Starring Australian heart-throb Chris Hemsworth as the hammer-wielding son of Odin, the movie is a follow-up to the franchise's 2011 money-spinning first installment, "Thor."

With its strong opening weekend -- helped by the phenomenal success of 2012's \$1.5-billion hit "The Avengers," which saw Thor join forces with other characters -- the film has taken a total of more than \$145 million.

Debuting strong in second place was romantic comedy "The Best Man Holiday," a sequel 15 years in the making to "The Best Man," in which college friends reunite over Christmas and reignite romance and rivalries.



The film, starring Taye Diggs and Morris Chestnut at the head of an ensemble cast, took in \$30.1 million.

"Last Vegas," starring Michael Douglas, Robert De Niro, Morgan Freeman and Kevin Kline on a seniors' bachelor party to Sin City, was a distant third, with \$8.4 million, while animated comedy "Free Birds" was fourth with \$8.1 million.

In fifth, screwball comedy "Bad Grandpa" took in \$7.4 million in its fourth week.

"Gravity" -- with Oscar-winners Sandra Bullock and George Clooney as astronauts adrift in space after a devastating accident -- held steady in sixth place with \$6.1 million.

Meanwhile, science fiction blockbuster "Ender's Game"

tumbled to seventh place in its third week. The film, adapted from Orson Scott Card's 1985 novel and starring Harrison Ford, earned \$6.0 million.

The critically acclaimed drama "12 Years a Slave," regarded as an early contender for Oscars glory, was in eighth with \$4.6 million.

"Captain Phillips," a thriller starring Tom Hanks as a cargo ship captain captured by Somali pirates, earned \$4.4 million in ninth spot. The film is based on the 2009 hijacking of the MV Maersk Alabama container ship.

British romantic comedy "About Time," starring Domhnall Gleeson as a love-struck time-traveler, rounded out the top 10 with \$3.3 million.

Not a belieber: Mexico denies Bieber met president

MEXICO CITY (AFP) - Sorry Justin Bieber, Mexico's president is apparently not a belieber.

The Canadian pop star's controversy-filled tour of Latin America took a new twist in Mexico after Bieber's claim that he met with President Enrique Pena Nieto was swiftly denied by the government.

Before a Mexico City show late Monday, Bieber, who calls his fans "beliebers," wrote partially in Spanish to his 47 million followers on Twitter, saying he had met with Pena Nieto and his family.

But El Presidente's office tweeted minutes later to its 845,389 followers: "@PresidenciaMX denies a meeting between the holder of the executive @EPN and the singer @justinbieber."

The president, it turns out, was meeting with his cabinet at his official residence of Los Pinos.

The pop singer wrote to his fans: "The streets are filled, the buildings are surrounded, people are in the trees, on roofs, on cars, everywhere. MEXICO i love it! thank u."



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Nokia shareholders approve mobile phone sale to Microsoft

HELSINKI (AFP) - Nokia shareholders voted overwhelmingly Tuesday in favour of selling the company's mobile business to US software giant Microsoft in an attempt to reinvent the once-proud Finnish telecoms titan.

According to Nokia -- which will now become a telecom equipment and services company -- the deal was almost unanimously approved with 99.52 percent support from shareholders at an extraordinary meeting in Helsinki.

"It was expected that the decision of selling the mobile phone division would arouse strong emotions," Nokia board chairman and interim chief executive Risto Siilasmaa said during the meeting.

Nokia's share price has doubled since the plan was announced in early September with Microsoft agreeing to pay 5.44 billion euros (\$7.35 billion) for the loss-making company's mobile phone division.

The sale of the assets, which include the Lumia smartphone trademark and technology, must take place in early 2014.

Once the world leader in mobile phones, Nokia lost its top place to South Korea's Samsung in 2012.

Although still number two in the overall mobile phone market with a 13.8 percent market share in the third quarter of the year -- ahead of US giant Apple (6.7 percent) -- Nokia is still far behind Samsung (25.7 percent) and ranks eighth in the fast-growing smartphone market, according to technology consultancy

Gartner.

The deal spells the end of the once iconic Nokia branded mobile handsets, which have experienced a spectacular fall in sales since the arrival of Apple's touchscreen iPhone in 2007.

Tuesday was also an opportunity for shareholders to discuss the string of failures that brought the Finnish group to its knees.

Nokia shareholders who voted for the sale hope for a return to profits and a new start in the fast-changing technology sector following a series of losses: 1.2 billion euros in 2011, 3.1 billion euros in 2012 and 590 million euros in the first nine months of 2013.

Microsoft will be left with the challenge of making the Lumia smartphone profitable but with \$80 billion (\$9 billion euros) in reserves to fall back on it has some scope to invest.

NEW YORK CITY (AFP) - JPMorgan Chase has agreed to a record \$13 billion settlement over mislabeled mortgage securities that federal and state authorities said stoked the financial crisis, the Department of Justice announced.

The bank "acknowledged it made serious misrepresentations to the public -- including the investing public" over the quality of residential mortgage-backed securities (RMBS) it sold ahead of the financial crisis, the department said in a statement.

The deal includes \$9 billion in payments to authorities and \$4 billion in relief to consumers -- mainly homeowners -- harmed by the conduct of JPMorgan and the two failed banks it took over during the crisis, Bear Stearns and Washington Mutual.

The agreement resolves a

major part of a series of complaints against the largest US bank over mortgage securities that investors incurred huge losses on.

However, the Justice Department said, the deal still does not absolve the bank or its employees from possible criminal charges.

"Through this \$13 billion resolution, we are demanding accountability and requiring remediation from those who helped create a financial storm that devastated millions of Americans," Associate Attorney General Tony West said in a statement.

New York Attorney General Eric Schneiderman, who co-led a task force investigating JP Morgan and other banks over

losses the federal government and states incurred on mortgage securities, called the settlement a "historic deal which will bring long-overdue relief to homeowners around the country and across New York."

The complex deal includes claims and penalties to be paid to the Justice Department, the National Credit Union Administration, the Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation, the Federal Housing Finance Agency, and the states of California, Delaware, Illinois, Massachusetts, and New York.

The \$4 billion for consumer relief requires the bank to forgive some principal on many customers' loans and modify others to improve conditions for borrowers.



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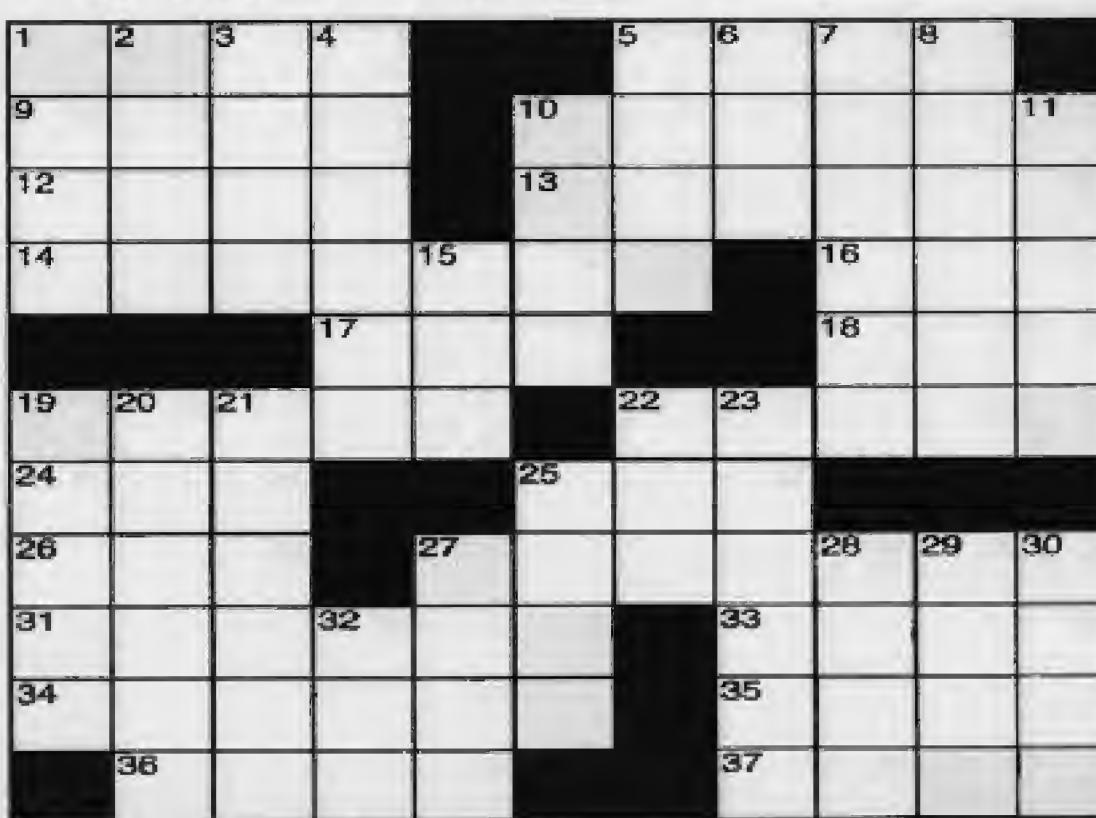
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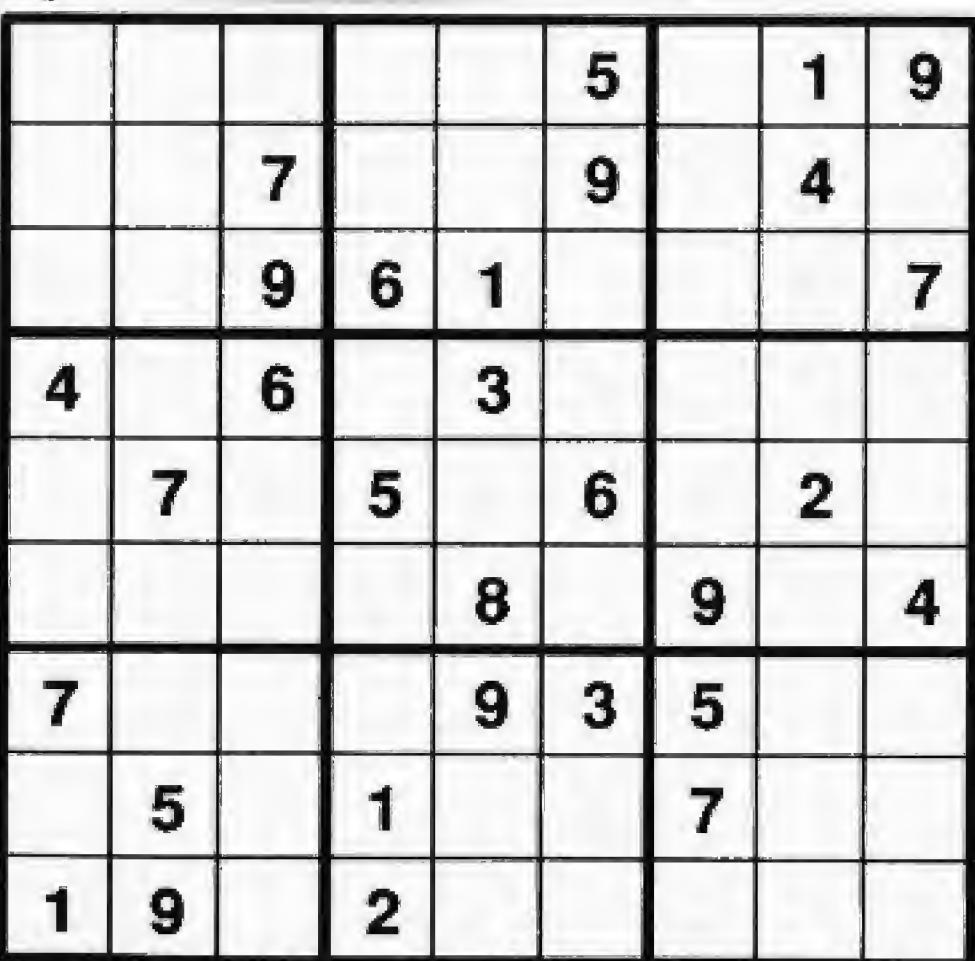
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Gold Coast Aruba: This is the time to invest

-- Management of Gold Coast Aruba, the island's newest and most innovative gated community, reports that sales have been very good and encouraging as the global economy recovers and people looking to purchase vacation homes have found that Gold Coast is an outstanding investment value. Director of Sales, Fito Croes has noticed a surprising percentage of owners in reality do not spend a great amount of time personally to use the villas or town homes they purchase, but are taking advantage of Gold Coast's rental services to turn their investment into ready income.

"The greater portion of home owners are using their "home away from home" in Aruba to escape the winter months, or spend holidays with the family on the island," he remarked, "but I am gratified by how many are buying because they felt secure with real estate investment on Aruba. They really study the history and economy of the island and are impressed with the political stability and continually increasing value of prime locations. Gold Coast is in the heart of Malmok, considered Aruba's most exclusive community where the value of properties has only increased over time. It is only minutes to the best beaches and all the ac-



tion, and yet offers a quiet and secluded getaway; we are very pleased by the response to our concept."

Fito, with his sister Mayrin and brother Rudy operate Cas Bon, which has been constructing homes and building developments for all budgets for nearly twenty years. "Gold Coast Aruba is the jewel in our crown," observes Fito. "We were very excited about this project and the scope of actual and planned facilities and amenities. We have spoken to countless island visitors to find out what they would really want in a permanent residence on Aruba, and took from there."

Input from frequent vacationers who have dreamed of their own home in Aruba contributed to the realization of

Gold Coast Aruba which when complete will be a community of 260 town homes, villas and condominiums with a stunning clubhouse complemented by two additional community pool areas. The Clubhouse is about to start construction and will offer to the community homeowners and visitors 2 tennis courts, full service spa and fitness center as well as a stunning pool area and is expected to be complete by early 2013. It will also house a restaurant and mini-market.

Owners who purchased upon the groundbreaking only a few short years ago, are already enjoying a nearly 50% appreciation on their investment, particularly those taking advantage of the on site management's rental services program. There is always a great

demand for Aruba and facilities such as those at Gold Coast, make it easy for some owners to see a valuable return on their investment.

The design of the residences and public areas is open, airy and spacious, taking full advantage of the island environment, with quality construction and finishing available. Partnering with two of Aruba's top providers of kitchens and bathrooms enables developers to offer custom options allowing buyers to individualize their homes. An elegant and chic furniture package is available or island designers will assist owners in finishing the décor to their specific tastes.

There are many aspects to purchasing property, not the least is the future value of the

investment. To further enhance this, Gold Coast management have inaugurated a number of in-house services and have recently become affiliated Interval International, the world's largest network of vacation ownership properties which provides an unlimited international pool of investors to tap for ownership and rental prospects. Property exchange for a vacation in another destination is also available through the Interval International affiliation. Gold Coast's own rental services have also proven highly successful in assisting owners in renting their villas; 24-hour security and maintenance services also tip the scales when it is time to make a decision. Aside from all this, housekeeping, child care, catering services, car rental through its partnership with AVIS car rental are also available as well as pre-shopping services so cupboards and refrigerators are stocked upon arrival, which can also be arranged through their property management department. Personnel are also available to assist in arranging restaurant reservations and island activities.

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first won this charming eatery their loyal clientele. She can be counted on to be conjuring up the delicious dishes that have been in her family for generations. As Varella says, "My mom loves and lives to cook. Even when she is not at work in the restaurant, she is experimenting with new dishes all day at home."

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tion of banana hash and creamy potatoes provide a deliciously picturesque meal.

The Queen's is located on the second level of Palm Beach Plaza, tucked into a cozy corner at the front of the mall. If you have a mind to try the real deal in Aruban food, without a doubt, this is the way to go, reasonably priced and easily accessible. A full menu can be seen on their website, <http://www.thequeensaruba.com/>.

Aside from an extensive regular menu they also have daily specials made from whatever is in season, and Mama Luisa is in the mood to prepare, so don't be shy about asking for something that may not be on the menu, as they are always eager to please.

The Queen's is open daily from 3:00 pm - 11:00 pm, offering both indoor and outdoor dining.

Boxing: I'm ready to end Pacquiao's career - Rios

HONG KONG (AFP) - Brandon Rios believes Filipino great Manny Pacquiao will draw inspiration in the wake of Super Typhoon Haiyan, but that won't stop him trying to send the eight-weight world champion into retirement.

Rios sent his condolences after the giant storm slammed into the Philippines, leaving about 4,000 people dead and three million homeless, but said will have little sympathy for his opponent once they step in the ring on Sunday.

"It's a terrible thing that happened in the Philippines," "But we still got to concentrate on the fight. I'm not fighting the crowd or the Philippines people, I'm fighting Manny Pacquiao in front of me," said the fast-talking American.

Pacquaio's trainer Freddie Roach said last week that he would have no hesitation in telling Pacquaio, who turns 35 next month, to quit if he suffered a third straight defeat in his "must-win" battle against Rios in Macau.

The 'PacMan' has been one of the best pound-for-pound boxers of his generation, winning 10 world titles at eight different weights.

The 27-year-old Rios has no doubt he will make it three in a row and force the man with a record of 54 wins, five defeats and two draws, in a pro career spanning almost 19 years, to hang up his gloves for good.



"I'm young, I'm hungry and I want it. I want the success," said the nine-year pro with a record of 31 wins and just one defeat, on points to Mike Alvarado in their junior welterweight rematch in March.

"Pacquaio has done great. No one can say he didn't because he won world titles at eight weights. But it's time he should call it quits. It's time for me," added the former World Boxing Association (WBA) lightweight champion.

"I want to beat the best to be the best and to be recognised as one of the best. And so that's why I'm going to win."

Sunday's World Boxing Organisation (WBO) welterweight title fight at the

Venetian Macau resort will be Rios's debut outside of the US or Mexico.

He said he is prepared for a rough ride from a heavily partisan crowd supporting Pacquaio in his first fight in Asia since 2006.

Rios will also be fighting at welterweight (147 pounds, 66.7 kilos) for the first time, having won his WBA title at 135 pounds and stepping up to junior welterweight (140 pounds) for his last two fights against Alvarado.

Rios, who at five feet eight inches is two inches (five centimetres) taller than Pacquaio, believes the extra weight will only make him stronger.



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Football: Portugal qualifies for World Cup



SOLNA (AFP) - Cristiano Ronaldo scored a brilliant hat-trick as Portugal survived a second-half scare in their 3-2 World Cup play-off second leg win against Sweden on Tuesday to qualify 4-2 on aggregate. The Real Madrid superstar, who scored the only goal in last week's first leg, overcame an equally brilliant display from Zlatan Ibrahimovic in a classic encounter at Solna. Ibrahimovic scored both goals for Sweden in vain as the match featured five goals in 29 minutes of second-half madness.

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Golf: Chinese teen sensation Guan to star in Hong Kong Open

HONG KONG (AFP) - Chinese golf prodigy Guan Tianlang will star in December's Hong Kong Open, organisers announced Tuesday, just weeks after he celebrated his 15th birthday.

The Guangzhou schoolboy sent shockwaves through the sport at the US Masters in April when, aged just 14 years, five months and 18 days, he became the youngest golfer to make the cut at a major tournament.

He will return to the world stage at the beginning of December at the Hong Kong Golf Club, where Spain's Miguel Angel Jimenez will defend his title.

"This year has just been an incredible journey for me. Making the cut at the Masters



was a very special achievement for me and I hope to be able to produce a similar performance at the Hong Kong Golf Club in December," Guan said.

"When you get the opportunity to play against world class players you cannot refuse because it is the best environment to learn and gain experience."

Before he tees off at the US\$1.3 million tournament, the teenager will take part in a special golf skills clinic Wednesday, where he will

meet children from four local schools.

Hong Kong golfer Jason Hak will join Guan in the tournament. In November 2008, aged 14, Hak made history as the youngest player to make the cut in a European Tour event at the Hong Kong Open.

Guan will be hoping to make up for failing to defend his title at the Asia-Pacific Amateur Championships in October, where South Korea's Lee Chang-Woo, 19, claimed victory and a place in the US Masters.

Baseball: Giants ink two-year deal with star pitcher Hudson

tional League Cy Young Award winner Tim Lincecum.

Hudson, whose 2013 season ended in late July with a fractured right ankle, spent nine years with Atlanta after starting his major league career across the bay from the Giants with six seasons in Oakland before being traded to the Braves in December of 2004.

Hudson, 113-72 with a 3.56 earned-run average over 244 games with Atlanta, had won at least 16 games a year before going 8-7 with a 3.97 earned-run average over 21 starts in this year's injury-shortened campaign.

His overall record in 205-111, the third-winningest mark among active pitchers with more than 100 decisions.

Hudson joins a Giants rotation that includes All-Star hurlers Lincecum, Matt Cain and Madison Bumgarner and eases the loss of Barry Zito and Ryan Vogelsong, whom the club chose not to re-sign.



SAN FRANCISCO (AFP) - Adding another proven pitcher to their already-strong rotation, the San Francisco Giants announced Tuesday they have signed a two-year Major League Baseball deal with three-time All-Star Tim Hudson.

The contract for the 38-year-old right-hander, reportedly worth \$23 million, follows last month's two-year deal for \$35 million to keep two-time Na-

tionals

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For more information about The Residences, visit our Sales Office located in the Golf Clubhouse at the Divi Village Golf & Beach Resort. For questions or to schedule your appointment to view a condominium:

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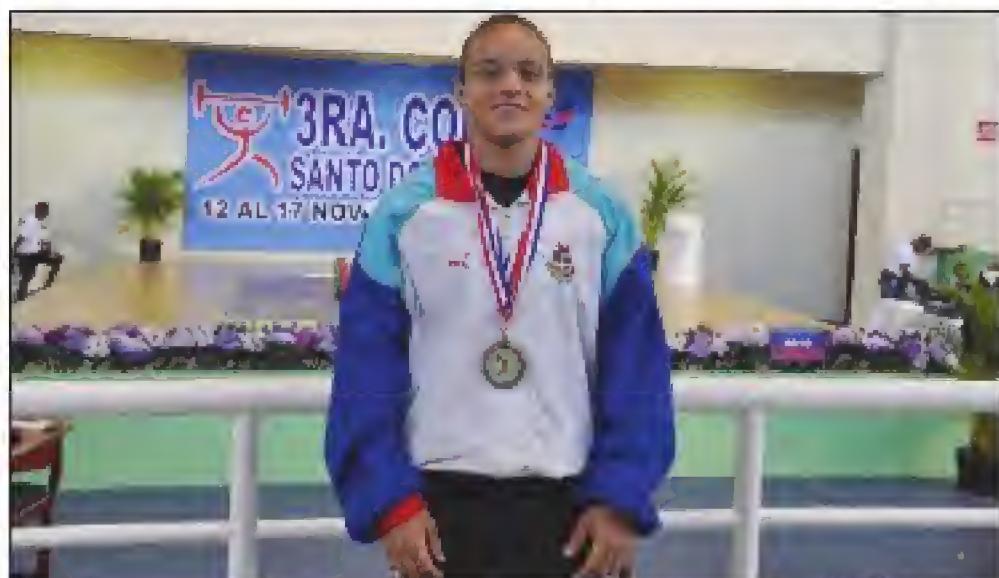
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Jenifer Piter wins Gold in weightlifting



ORANJESTAD - Our local athletes continue to excel in different sports abroad. After the successful bowling experience in Costa Rica, this time we have a female athlete in weightlifting.

Jennifer Pita wins Gold in her category in the 3rd Copa Santo Domingo International held in Santo Domingo.

Jennifer competed in the 63kg category against other big countries in our region such as Costa Rica, Guatemala, Haiti, Honduras, Puerto Rico and Santo Domingo. Pier's preparation was top notch and for this reason she was able to demonstrate to raise the heaviest

weight. In the snatch and clean and jerk disciplines she was able to move weights than other athletes, which gave her the Gold medal.

The Minister of Sports, Dr. Alex Schwengle and the Subsidy Commission of the Lotta Pa Deporte Foundation congratulate Jennifer Piter for her fine achievement and her Gold medal. Congratulations also to her coach and trainers who dedicated time and talent to training Jennifer.

The Aruba Amateur Weightlifting Association is also proud of Jennifer and continues to work diligently for the benefit of our weightlifting athletes.

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